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Three indicted in connection to local bank robbery

Will York
Senior Reporter

A federal grand jury on Monday issued indictments against three Martin residents charged in a bank robbery less than a mile from campus earlier this month.

Edward L. Tharpe, 48, was charged with robbing a Regions Bank branch on University Street on March 7. He was also indicted on federal firearms charges.

The jury indicted Pamela Wilson, 44, and her daughter Latoya L. Wilson, 22, with conspiracy.

Police said Tharpe—who was caught on a surveillance tape—took an undisclosed amount of money from the bank and then abandoned the late-model Jeep Cherokee he was driving on the UTM campus.

The incident was the first bank robbery in recent memory in the college town of about 10,000 people.

The Jeep was reported stolen from Benton County and was found in a campus parking lot near the Cooper Hall dormitory about 45 minutes after the robbery.

Police said Pamela Wilson and Latoya Wilson picked up Tharpe, then fled to Nashville.

Tharpe

Todd McCall, the FBI special agent in charge of the case, said the three will be transferred from the Weakley County Detention Center in Dresden to federal custody in Jackson "within the next few days" before a preliminary hearing.

Students, faculty and staff were ordered to stay inside with doors locked for over an hour while police searched for Tharpe, who was armed with a pistol and wearing a wig.

McCall said the suspects were arrested at a Nashville hotel early March 8, the day after the robbery.

Martin Police Capt. Sammy Lyles said the bank's surveillance video helped to identify Tharpe, but he wouldn't elaborate on the evidence in the case.

Lyles said Metro Nashville Police found items in the suspects' possession linking them to the Martin robbery.

"A lot of hard work went into finding this guy," Lyles said.

The university's public safety department sent out e-mails and text messages to the school's voluntary emergency alert system shortly after 1 p.m. March 7, about an hour after the robbery, university spokesman Bud Grimes said, though several students did not receive the alerts until hours later, after the lockdown was lifted.

Police cleared the 7,100-student campus by 2:20 p.m. and normal operations resumed, he said.

Classes resumed shortly after the all-clear signal, though attendance was lower than usual because the school's spring break was the following week and there was the threat of heavy snow in West Tennessee.

Tim Allen, a 21-year-old senior, lives in Cooper Hall near where the suspect's car was found. He said he was told of the alert by a friend and then resident assistants came down the halls telling students to stay in their rooms.

"I'm not that worried about it," he said before the lockdown was lifted.

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Police prepare to take an unidentified woman who witnessed the Regions Bank being robbed for a statement on Friday, March 7, 2008. (Pacer Photos/ Jon-Michael St. Amant)

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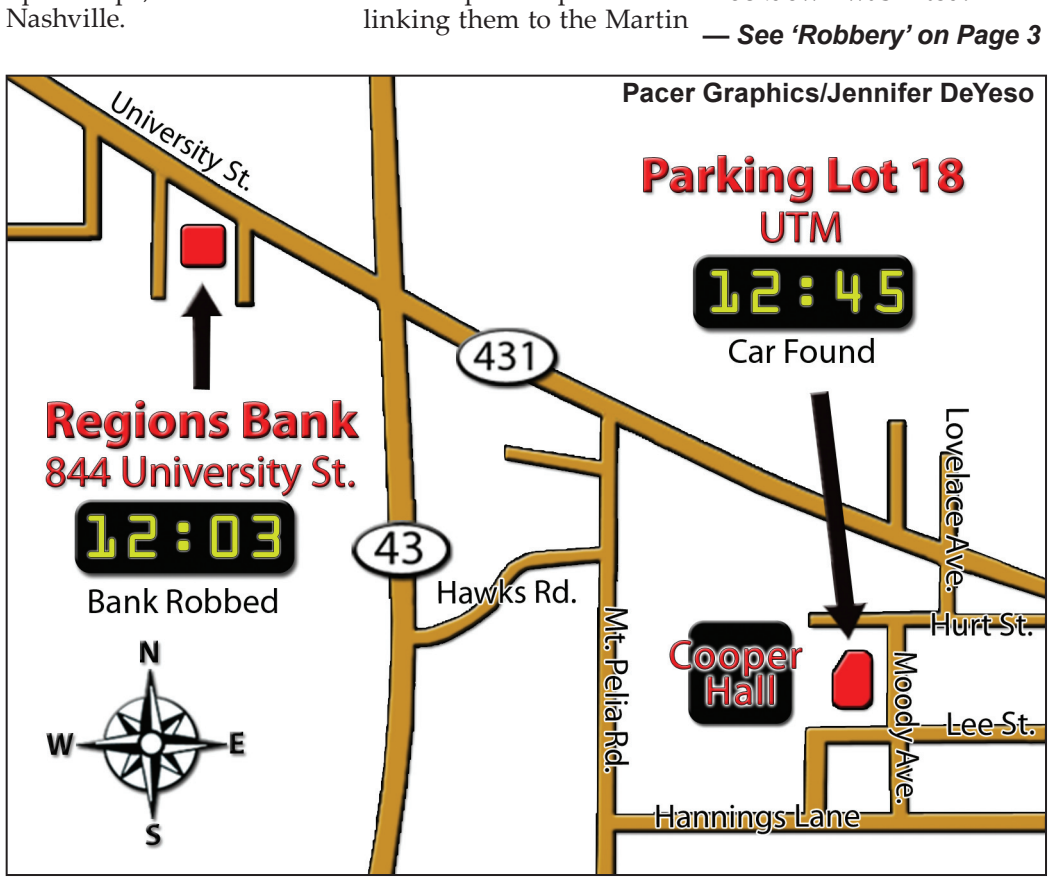

Emergency text message system problems were providers' fault, official says

Elaine Wilson
Pacer Writer

UT Martin's Emergency Preparedness Plan and more importantly, the Emergency Text Messaging System was brought to the forefront of everyone's mind a week ago Friday when the university was locked-down due to a local bank robbery.

The system was implemented in May 2007. Since then the system has been used primarily for weather alerts but was used for the first time on March 7 for a security alert.

Currently, about 2,600 students, faculty and staff have signed up to participate in the voluntary opt-in system.

According to Bud Grimes, Director of University Relations, "The text-message alert system has worked well, with the exception of the text-message 'alert' and 'all-clear' messages March 7.

"This is a situation that's being worked out with the cell-service provider, campus e-mail and Auto Dialer System that reaches departments and housing throughout the university, building managers who notify people in person, and other notification methods appear to be working well in combination to alert the campus of emergencies, both weather-related and otherwise."

"University Relations always intends to notify *The Pacer* and WUTM about events the same as any commercial media outlet. As for being first-line in the notification tree for immediate emergencies, other methods (such as text-messaging, audible alarm, auto dial, the Web, etc.) would have to be used first, simply because of reaching a larger critical mass of people quickly. Still, campus media could play a role for emergency alerts," Grimes said.

After last week's situation, Grimes said that "the text messaging system worked fine from the university's end. The technical problems that occurred were with the cell-service provider, and these are being addressed."

Petersen: Tuition hike likely under 10 percent

Will York
Senior Reporter

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—University of Tennessee President John Petersen told the university's trustees during their winter meeting that despite the state's bleak economic forecast, tuition increases at the university's campuses are unlikely to reach double digits.

Gov. Phil Bredesen has recommended that lawmakers not approve $85 million in additional funding for the state's public colleges in next year's budget and instead use the money to expand pre-kindergarten programs.

Petersen declined to comment on what the Legislature will do with a proposed $227 million bond issue earmarked for public colleges and universities — a proposal Finance Commissioner David Goetz has said is irresponsible.

Lawmakers will meet in May, and decisions on student tuition rates are usually made separately by the UT system and the Tennessee Board of Regents in June.

"Even with the governor's recommended budget," Petersen told the trustees last week that legislators are "on our side."

Petersen said he does not predict tuition increases hitting 10 percent.

Tuition at UT Martin jumped 6 percent last year, 4.8 percent in 2006 and nearly 10 percent in 2005.

In-state students paid $2,502 per semester this academic year at UTM, which was a $178 increase. That figure excludes additional fees.

Tuition increased similarly at UT's flagship campus in Knoxville.

"In the face of limited state resources, we are partnering with legislators and the governor in seeking creative solutions

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Student government passes nondiscrimination resolution

Legislation now up for Faculty Senate discussion

SGA Senators Rebecca Weaver and Brittany McGruder present the non-discrimination legislation at the SGA meeting. (Pacer Photos/Matt Cook)

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

The president of the Faculty Senate agrees with a resolution passed by the Student Government Association earlier this month that would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the university's nondiscrimination policy, she said Monday.

Dr. Elaine Harriss said that though she has not received the official SGA recommendation, she was notified through the Office of Student Affairs that the legislation had passed.

"We have a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday and one more this semester," Harriss said on Monday. "We will discuss it at our next executive meeting, and then bring it before the Senate at the last meeting of the year."

"I think the statement is a good idea, and I think it is right to have it in print," Harris said.

The Student Government Association voted Thurs., March 6, to recommend the university make the additions to its Equal Opportunity Statement.

The resolution —which passed in a voice vote with two dissenting votes —suggests to university administrators that the change occur within one year of the resolution's signing.

Before the vote, some legislators questioned why the patch to the university's policy was necessary because federal law governs nondiscrimination.

Sen. Brittany McGruder, chairwoman of the Senate Communications Committee and the bill's co-sponsor, said the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — after which UTM's policy is fashioned — doesn't go far enough to protect gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

"We represent every demographic as a public institution, not just those that we choose," McGruder said during discussion before the vote.

Sen. Maylon Price, who was one of the few who voted against the legislation, said he saw no problems with the current nondiscrimination clause and felt that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 was sufficient for the university.

Price also said the resolution was unnecessary and immoral because the campus does not face problems with sexual orientation and gender

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Editorial:

Text messaging great, needs improvements

UTM's emergency text messaging system has been closely watched by *The Pacer* as it has been developed, tested and implemented since the need for such a system arose after the tragic events at Virginia Tech last year.

The system certainly had its positives and negatives, and the campus has experienced these in earnest this semester.

The tests of the text-message system work well; that much has been proven. Anyone who opts in receives the message TEST TEST TEST at least once (if not multiple times) a semester.

When severe weather threatened to flatten West Tennessee to the ground in early February, the text-message system alerted those who opted-in of the danger. The system had its first major success.

But when a vehicle known to have been driven by an armed robbery suspect showed up on campus March 7, the system –at least partially –failed. As noted in our lead story this week, the text messages did not reach some students and faculty until hours after the lock down had both started and ended.

Director of University Relations Bud Grimes said that the system worked fine from the university's end, but the technical problems occurred with the cell-service providers, a problem not previously experienced.

Grimes said the problems were being addressed, and we at *The Pacer* hope the problems will be solved with all possible speed.

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Other problems that students have experienced with the system include cut off messages and confusion over the opt-in levels. The opt-in section of Banner Student Information System does not describe the opt-in levels, and UTM's Emergency Response Plan only suggests that users choose the "Emergencies" level.

The system would benefit from added clarity and revision. Information Technology Services and the Office of Public Safety are to be commended for creating the system at minimal cost to the university, but should not spare any time in improving the system for future (hopefully few) emergencies.

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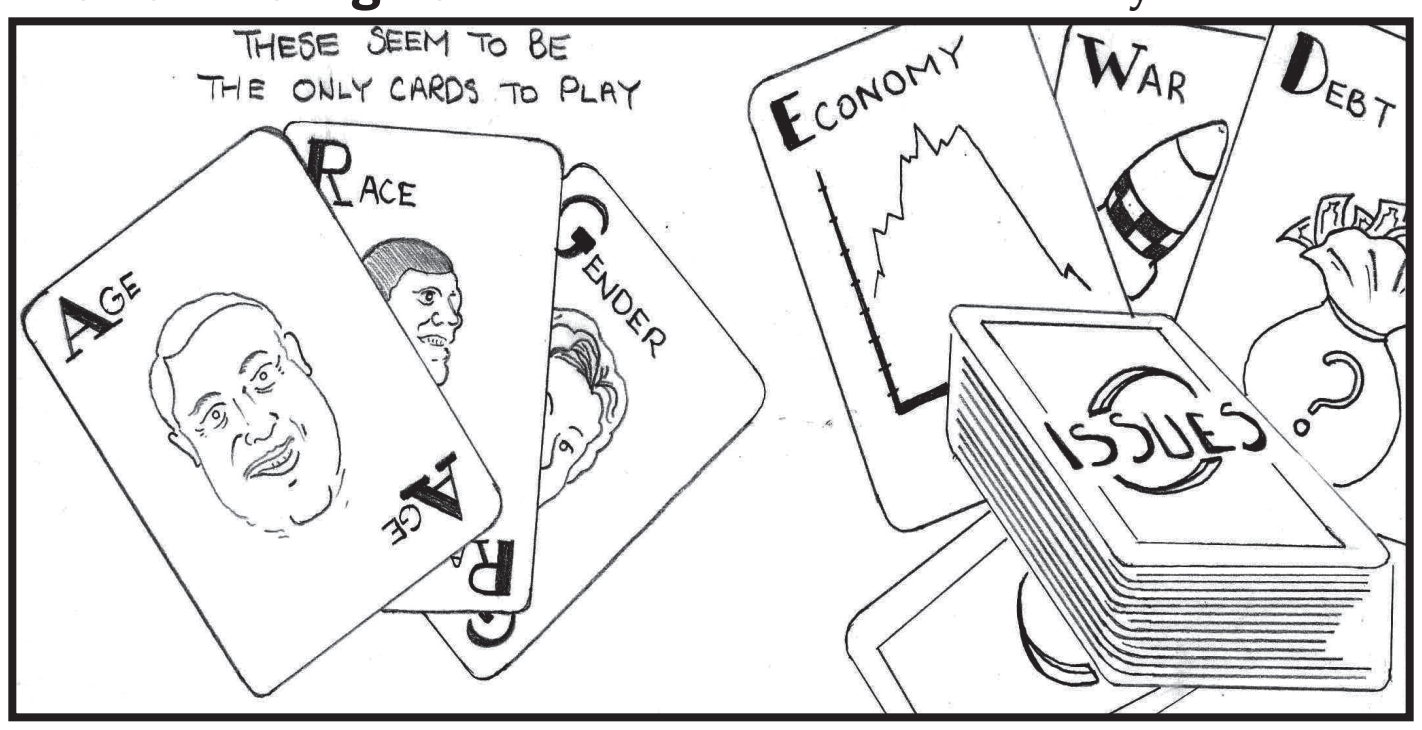
By: Eric White



Spring break rejuvenates a weary campus despite snow

Ashley Totty
Features Writer

Yesterday saw the return of UT Martin spring breakers. The sun welcomed students back and reminded them that even though we started off the break with snow, it is definitely spring time now. While this return to school is usually a drag for the student body, I for one have noticed an increased vigor across campus that I attribute to the break. The trees in the quad are blooming, the flowers are blossoming, and students are bright and friendly. Friends are catching up on what they missed over the break, and people seem to be in a generally better mood. I for one can attest to feeling refreshed and revived after the much needed break. I feel much more focused and capable of handling my work load and genuinely happier about school in general. The wait for a break during spring semester is a long grueling three months and students are happy for the time to sit back and relax.

The change in the weather that accompanies this break also proves to bring more students outside for activities. Since our return from our well deserved break I have seen a wonderful transformation befall the campus of UTM. More students can be seen milling about in the quad, or studying in the sun; people are smiling and laughing and enjoying themselves. The transformation was almost instantaneous the day break began. Even in the frigid snow that fell on the first few days of break students were in high spirits, building snowmen and having snow ball fights. Some students fled to a sunny beach, some simply went home to enjoy family time, while others simply took a well deserved break by themselves. However the students took their leave it seems to have been effective. Spring break has always been a beacon of light for college students after the bleak winter months the semester begins with.

Everyone needs some time to let off steam and unwind from the stress of life, and spring break has been just that for students. If there were a time to show someone what it is like to go to UT Martin now would be it. It seems that just like the family that our students and faculty are we need some time apart to keep us from going crazy.

Text messaging detrimental to grammar, English language for nation

Kirby McBride
Copy Editor

Being an English major I am very conscious of the way people talk in their everyday lives. Most everyone in the nation uses varying forms of bad grammar in their everyday speech. Who really wants to be grammatically correct in everything that they do? I know I don't it would get tedious after a while, even though I believe that knowing and being able to use grammar is a very good skill to have. Being perfectly correct in anything is extremely hard to do, but I strive to speak and write with as much perfection as I can get, even when I write the occasional text message.

Through the advanced technology that we have at our disposal, there is a new way to communicate using text messaging or instant messaging services. With this new technology there has also come about a new way to talk using the same symbols that are used when someone sends a text message or an instant message. In my opinion this new way of speaking and writing is killing the way that the youth and many people in their twenties and thirties speak.

Gone are the days when people would use complete words and not have to worry about how much time it took them to say one simple sentence. In today's world everyone is so concerned with getting their thoughts to another person that they cannot even take the time to call that person on the phone because they are too busy. They believe that it would be quicker to text them and use phrases like lol or omg, instead of actually saying the words. In many ways text speech has made people lazy.

People have gotten to where they don't even notice when they use text speech in their everyday lives, and for a person who does not use many of the shortened symbols of text messaging, using these symbols in everyday speech makes a person seem lazy. What is wrong with saying, completely everything that you want to, and it does not hurt to spell everything out in a text message. It may even make the point come across clearer to the person you are writing or talking to. It's something to think about.

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Hands that once disposed of bombs now tickle the ivories at UTM

Matt Cook
Executive Editor

Michael Yandell may not be the only student on campus who occasionally wears "Bomb Squad" hoodies and T-shirts, but odds are he is the only student on campus with actual bomb squad experience.

To be technical, Yandell served in the U.S. Army as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) expert, but now is a UTM student majoring in music education with an emphasis in piano.

"I joined the Army in September 2002 and went through basic training. From that point, I went to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., for the first phase of EOD Training," Yandell said.

During the ten-week first phase of EOD training, Yandell learned basic identification of ordnances ranging from land mines to rockets. Yandell also began an interview process for the top security clearance needed to become an EOD.

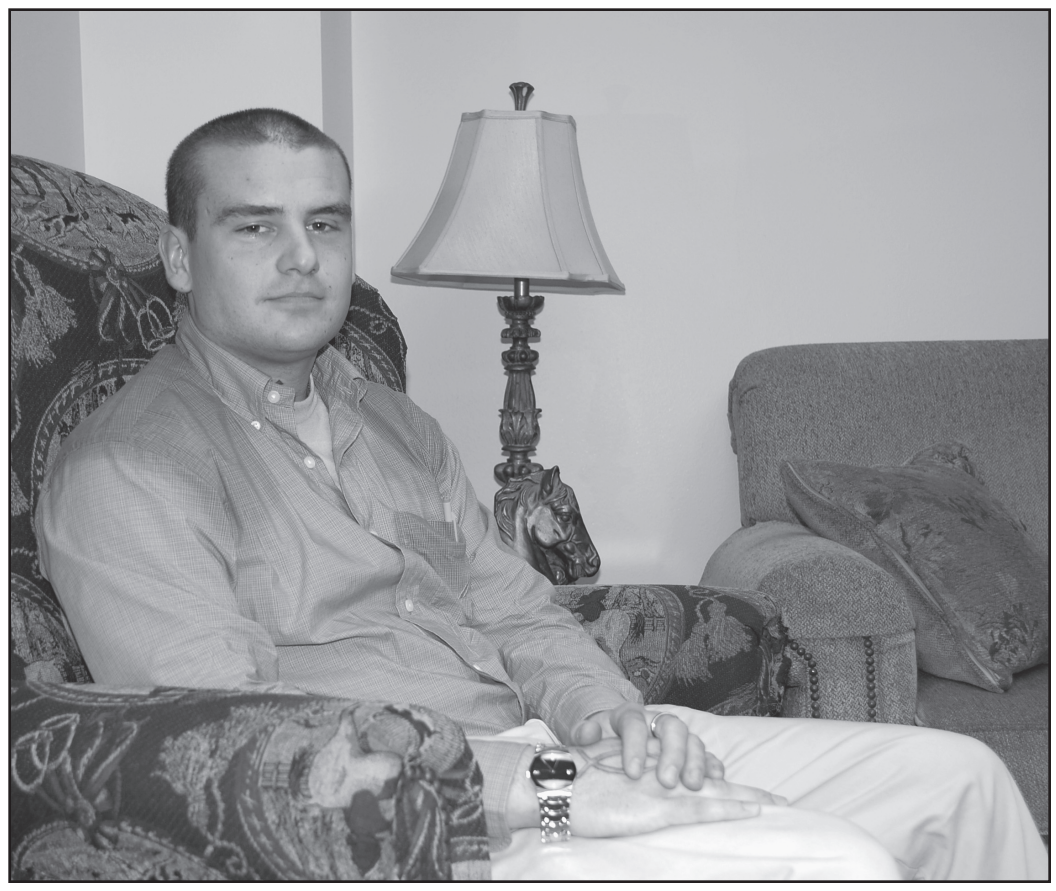
Finishing in February 2003, Yandell then traveled to Egland Air Force Base in Florida where he began an eight-month intensive training on disposing of explosives. Yandell learned about the physics of bombs, demolitions, chemical and biological weapons, land mines, mortars, rockets and improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

"There were something like three tests a week, and a total of about 80 tests over the entire process," Yandell said. "You had one shot to pass a test and one chance for a make up before you would be evaluated before a board. Anything below 86 percent was failure.

"After classroom material, we would have practicals with a simulated battle field or a simulated bomb phone call and the response process."

Yandell successfully finished the training and was then stationed in Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas as a part of the 752nd Ordinance Company. After he was granted top secret clearance, Yandell assisted the Secret Service's technical division check buildings for explosives during the 2004 presidential elections, and his team was responsible for bomb threat calls in Arkansas and eastern Texas.

Yandell, like a number of current and former UTM students, also served in Iraq in 2004, in Fallujah and Baghdad.



Michael Yandell, a former Explosive Ordnance Disposal expert for the U.S. Army, is now a UTM student. (Pacer Photo/Matt Cook)

"I think that a lot of UTM students don't realize how many of their fellow students served in Iraq," Yandell said. "My team leader and I responded to 67 IED missions and hundreds of unexploded rounds. We, like all our other students, were busy the whole time we were there."

Yandell said that while in Iraq he and his team leader were called to search for mines in an area where Iraqis were building a school. When they found a cache of about 80 mortars in the area, his team was awarded for removing the explosives.

After Yandell received a medical retirement from the Army, he was able to start his education at UTM and chose music for a change of pace.

"I had played the piano for churches before entering the military, so I really wanted to challenge myself to do something different," Yandell said.

The hardest challenge, Yandell said, was readjusting to civilian life.

"The Army takes care of a lot," Yandell said. "Being a civilian is easy to do, but you have to be responsible for all these choices like living conditions and utilities."

Though pianists and EODs use their hands every day for their work, Yandell said that he did not find much similarity between his former and current handiwork.

Though he is unsure of what is in store for his future, Yandell said that he has considered working for the Department of Defense as a music teacher or going to a theological seminary to study theological research.

"Sometimes I miss the sense of purpose by not being in the military and going on missions," Yandell said, "but the challenge of finding work and finishing my degree is enough to keep me going."

Senior Central to help preparation for graduation

Staff Reports

If you plan to graduate sometime in 2008, then set aside some time Wednesday, March 19, to attend UT Martin's first Senior Central.

The interdepartmental program, sponsored by Student Affairs, the UT Martin Bookstore and Alumni Relations, will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the UC's Duncan Ballroom.

Senior Central was developed to help graduating seniors with the numerous details associated with completing their undergraduate experience, said Steve Vantrease, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Programs like this, which allow seniors to check on their graduation status, to order graduation materials, and to gain information about graduate school or the work world, "have been very popular at other universities," Vantrease said.

University officials want Senior Central to become an annual event, Vantrease said, with its format based on feedback and information from this first "test" event.

"We're not currently planning another Senior Central, at least not in 2008, until we see how successful it is," Vantrease said. "We can probably do more events if it appears that students want them, or we can change the timing of Senior Central to fall rather than spring. We're testing the time of the event, too."

Several UT Martin offices will have tables set up at Senior Central to help seniors with last-minute details, including Academic Records, Alumni Relations, Business Affairs, Employment Information, the Graduate School, Spirit yearbook, and the Student Success Center. Vendors including the Bookstore also will be on hand to help students with caps, gowns, class rings, photography, etc., Vantrease said.

Senior Central also will feature information sessions on such topics as interview tips, questions to ask potential employers, housing and living after college, debt management, health care and insurance. Vantrease said each session will last about 30 minutes and a schedule of the session times will be posted outside the Ballroom.

For more information, contact Vantrease in Student Affairs at 881-7710.

Robbery: Continued from Cover

Allen's roommate, Michael Kimbrough, said he was off campus when he received the text alert, but then came back to campus anyway. He said he passed by the bank that was robbed and saw several police cruisers on his way back to campus.

"Obviously whenever you hear the word 'lockdown,' it makes you think of Virginia Tech and everything, but this seems like a different situation," Kimbrough said. "At least it's not a student who has a problem with people, this is just a guy who robbed a bank. I think his motives are going to be different. He's probably not on a rampage killing people. He's probably just trying to get away."

Grimes said the university is working to fix problems with the voluntary text-message alert system, which was implemented in May 2007.

The incident marked the first time the university used the emergency text system for a security alert, Grimes said. The message was sent twice after it appeared some students did not receive the first alert, and officials were checking for any problems with the system.

Some students, faculty and staff did not receive the message alerting the 2,600 people who are enrolled in the emergency service until after the "all clear" signal was given, and others didn't receive an "all-clear" message until after 7 p.m. — nearly five hours after it was sent.

Jenni Lynn Crossnoe, a UTM senior, said only one of eight students in her class received the message, "although a majority of us are subscribed to receive them."

"A girl interrupted the lecture and read the message," Crossnoe said, adding that her professor tried to immediately lock the Humanities classroom door but couldn't find the key.

Doors in the Humanities Building—the university's largest classroom building—cannot be locked from the inside.

Communications major Monica Collins said her best friend was taking a test when the campus went on lockdown, but no one in her class knew about the possible gunman on campus because students can't use their cell phones during exams.

The system has twice been used to warn the campus of weather emergencies, and both times the alerts were received properly.

"The text-message alert system has worked well, with the exception of the text-message `alert' and `all-clear' messages March 7," Grimes said in an e-mail Monday. "This is a problem that's being worked out with the cell-service provider."

Lottery scholarship may be easier to get if new proposal passes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A proposal to lower the cumulative grade point average needed to maintain a lottery scholarship is among several lottery-funded bills advancing in the Legislature.

The measure sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham, a Huntsville Democrat, passed the House Higher Education Subcommittee on Wednesday. The companion bill has been deferred in the Senate Education Committee.

Under current rules, a student must be enrolled full time in college, have a GPA of at least 2.75 after the freshman year and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for subsequent years to keep the lottery-funded HOPE scholarship.

Democrats, including Gov. Phil Bredesen, believe reducing the required cumulative GPA to 2.75 would allow more students to keep the scholarships.

Last year, the end of session was delayed for hours because lawmakers couldn't agree on an omnibus bill that would change the rules for keeping the merit-based scholarship.

At the center of the conflict was the proposal to lower the retention GPA.

The measure passed the House 94-1, but Senate leaders decided against a Senate vote before finally adjourning.

On Wednesday, members of the House subcommittee went through the process of eliminating bills similar to those included in the omnibus bill that passed last year.

Among the legislation approved by the subcommittee is a proposal by Rep. Gary Moore, D-Joelton, that would give a lottery-funded grant to honorably discharged veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to attend school.

Another proposal by Gov. Phil Bredesen would set aside $200 million from lottery reserves to create an endowment to help pay for college education for 15,000 more Tennesseans each year.

The state has nearly $410 million in lottery reserves, according to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

TN amendment would add hunting, fishing rights if approved in 2010 vote

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A bill that would amend the state's Constitution to include a right to hunt and fish has passed in both houses of the General Assembly.

The House of Representatives voted 89-1 for the measure on Monday. The Senate had unanimously approved it last month.

Constitutional amendments in Tennessee must be approved in consecutive legislative sessions before going to voters in a gubernatorial election. The next gubernatorial election is in 2010.

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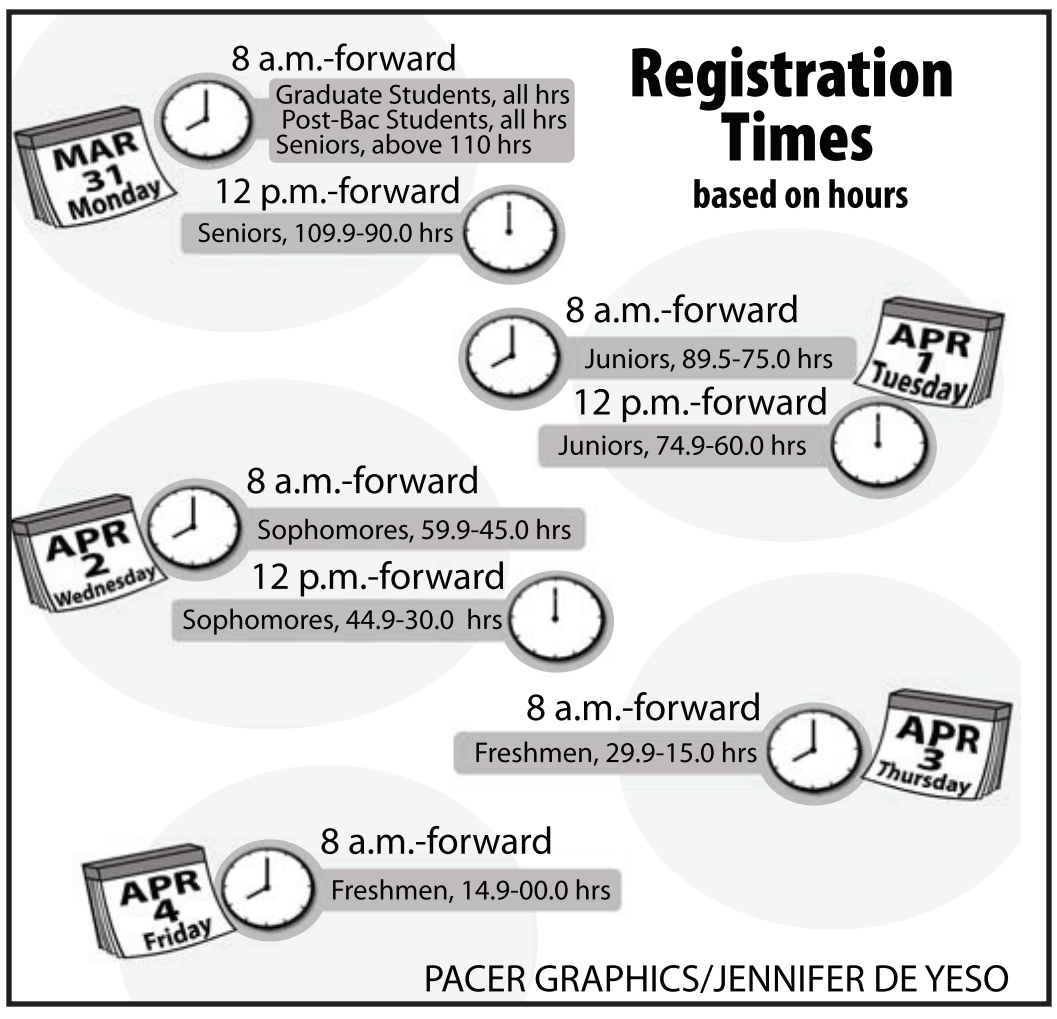
Read HJR0108 on the General Assembly's Web site at: http://www.legislature.state.tn.us



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Flying saucer house sells for $135K

A large crowd surrounds the Space house during the auction on Saturday, March 15, 2008. The house, situated on Signal Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn., sold for $135,000. (AP Photo/Chattanooga Times Free Press, Patrick Smith)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The sale price for a Chattanooga, Tenn., house shaped like a flying saucer is nothing to phone home about.

The Space House sold at auction Saturday for a down-to-earth bid of $135,000. Auctioneer Terry Posey says he's surprised bidding didn't go higher. The sale of the 38-year-old, three-bedroom structure perched on six "landing gear" legs attracted worldwide attention.

Posey says Pearl Johnson of Cincinnati bought the mountainside house but didn't want to discuss the transaction.

The house has a retractable staircase that lowers to the ground. A neighbor says that feature came in handy for one former owner who was having an argument with her husband. She pulled up the stairway, drove her husband's truck underneath it so he couldn't get the stairs down and left him stuck inside.

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identity discrimination.

"I don't want to stand before my maker someday and say that I voted for this legislation," Price said.

Morgan Greenhaw, president of UTM Allies, a student group that lobbies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality issues, responded, saying that there was considerable discrimination on campus, based on the evidence of defaced posters, anecdotes of students spitting on side walk chalk announcement by the group and a non-University recognized "pro-straight" group called UTM Axis, a reference to the Axis powers of World War II.

"A lot of students do not know that there is a pervasive anti-gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people sentiment on this campus," Greenhaw said.

McGruder said that now that the legislation has passed, SGA President Erin Chambers will present it to UTM's administration through the vice chancellors, Faculty Senate President Elaine Harriss and the Equity and Diversity Advisory Council.

"We expect the Faculty Senate to also discuss this proposal and pass similar legislation," McGruder said. "We take this issue very seriously."

McGruder's Communications Committee co-sponsored the bill with the Multicultural Affairs Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Rebecca Weaver.

McGruder said UTM's student government was spurred to action after the student Senate at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2007 passed a similar resolution — which eventually led to the university adding sexual orientation to its anti-discrimination clause.

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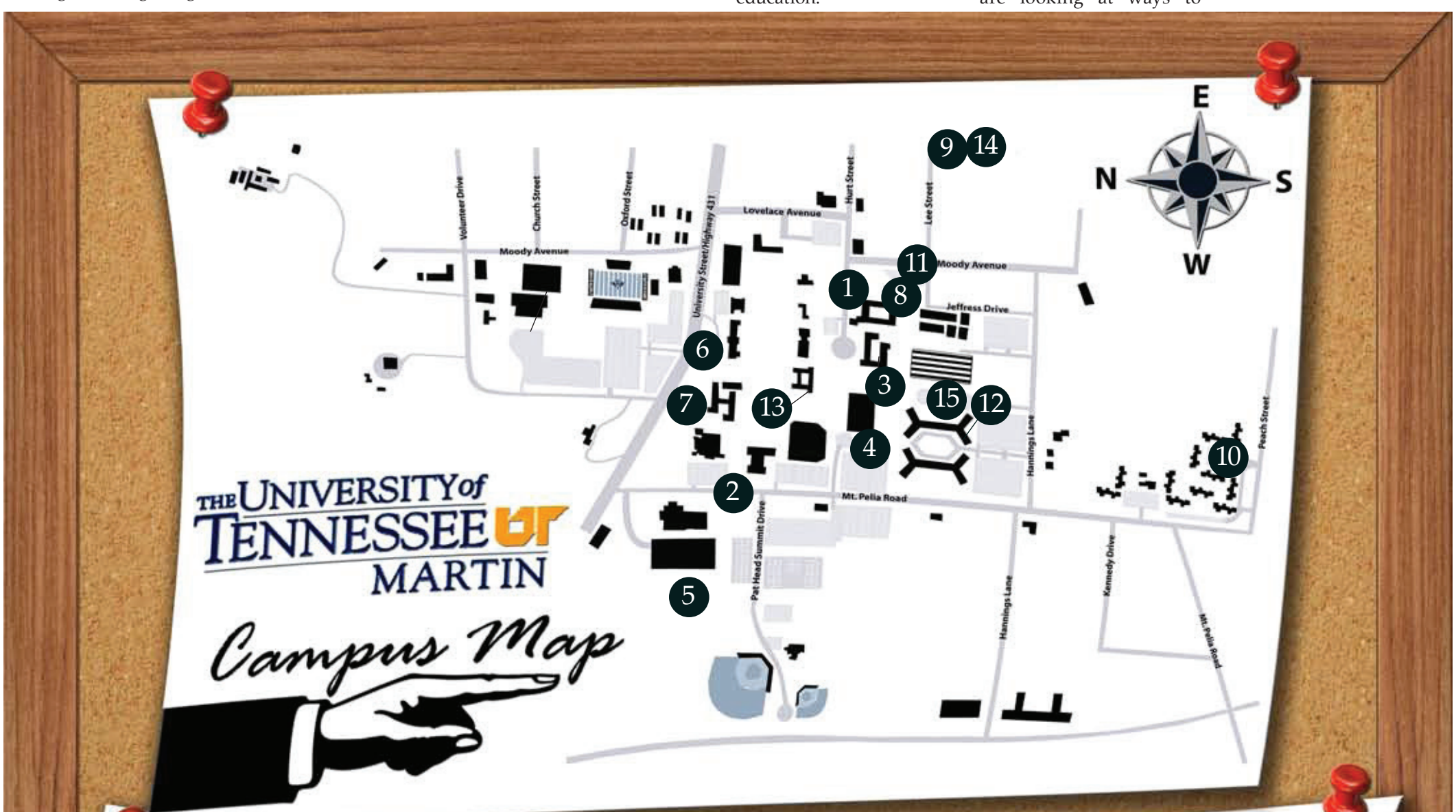
to funding challenges," Petersen said. "We recognize the challenge to keep fees and tuition reasonable while maintaining quality of programs and not losing ground."

Tuition rates were already expected to jump by as much as 9 percent next year statewide before the governor rejected further state funding for higher education.

Rich Rhoda, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, said that before the worse-than-expected budget forecast higher education officials were planning to cap tuition increases at 7 percent, or $284 per student on average statewide.

Petersen also said campuses within the system are looking at ways to improve how students' credits transfer within the state, including with universities governed by the Board of Regents.

"We need to look at how we equate apples to apples," he said. "Students end up losing hours because we have formulated programs to a point where we're not moving forward."



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1 **03/01/2008 at 1:40 pm – Cooper Hall** – Report taken for a fire alarm. False alarm.

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3 **03/03/2008 at 12:16 pm – University Center** – Report taken in reference to a subject who fell outside the building.

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03/04/2008 at 4:15 pm – Off Campus East – Assisting Martin Police Department with warrant service.

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03/05/2008 at 3:04 pm –Warehouse – Report taken for theft of property. Investigation continues.

8 **03/05/2008 at 5:51 pm – Cooper Hall** – Report taken in reference to an assault. Referred to Student Affairs.

03/06/2008 at 12:41 am – Martin Place – Assisting Martin Police Department with a noise complaint.

9 **03/06/2008 at 3:17 am – Pi Kappa Alpha House** – Report taken for an assault. Referred to Student Affairs.

03/06/2008 at 10:25 am – Lot 18 -- Vehicle towed for excessive parking violations.

03/07/2008 at 12:27 am – University Courts – Citation issued to Isaac Stricklin for underage drinking. Referred to Student Affairs.

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03/07/2008 at 12:33 pm – Lot 18 – Assisting Martin Police Department with bank robbery investigation.

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03/08/2008 at 5:57 am – Ellington Hall – Misdemeanor citation issued to Vincent Liberty for vandalism (General Sessions).

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03/09/2008 at 5:25 pm – Crisp Hall – Report taken for lost property.

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03/10/2008 at 1:45 am – Kappa Alpha House – Assisting Martin Police Department with attempted theft.

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03/12/2008 at 11:16 pm – Ellington Hall – Report taken for a suspicious male in the computer lab.

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Today Times Talk will feature "Voices from the War." UTM students will share their experiences of serving during the war in Iraq. The forum will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Skyhawk Dining, Room 125. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.

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Acclaimed playwright and UTM professor emeritus of theatre dies at 78

University Relations

Bill Snyder, New York actor, playwright, producer, director and University of Tennessee at Martin professor emeritus of theatre, died March 12, at his home in Oregon of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. He was 78.

Snyder, longtime director of UT Martin Vanguard Theatre who also spent 32 years teaching, took his final curtain call at the staging of "The Boys Next Door" in 1996. It was estimated at the time that he directed from 150-200 shows while at UT Martin. He also was named a University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor in 1990, the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member in the UT system. He retired in 1996.

One of his plays, "The Days and Nights of BeeBee Fenstermaker," ran for 304 performances Off-Broadway at the Sheridan Square Playhouse. Patricia Neal played the role of BeeBee in a British ATV drama in 1962 in an episode titled "The Days and Nights of BeeBee." Snyder was granted a leave of absence from UT Martin in late 1969 through September 1970 to serve as an adviser for the production of a film based on the same play.

Snyder received a master of fine arts degree in playwrighting at the Yale School of Drama, one of the most highly respected graduate schools of theatre in the country. An extensive list of writing credits includes stage, film and television.

"It is difficult to put into words a man's life that was so rich and varied, and had such an enormous impact on so many," said Douglas Cook, UT Martin Department of Visual and Theatre Arts chair. "His dedication, attention to details and dogged stubbornness has turned hundreds of simple West Tennesseans into lifelong creators and lovers of art, especially theatre." On a personal note, Cook added, "He gave to me the gift of knowing that our human experience is one to be celebrated, warts and all."

The William Snyder Theatre Scholarship Endowment was established in 1996. The scholarship is an annual award given to an advanced student for demonstrated excellence in theatre.

University Relations

Longtime UT Martin Vanguard Theatre director Bill Snyder died at his home in Oregon last week of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. He was 78. Snyder held a master's degree in playwrighting from the Yale School of Drama, and was a successful playwright, producer, actor and educator. Snyder spent 32 years teaching, and was estimated to have directed 150 to 200 plays while at UTM. The William Snyder Theatre Scholarship Endowment is awarded to an advanced student each year for excellence in theatre.

David Lynch's 'Blue Velvet' remains an underrated piece of American cinema

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

During the 1980s, few films could be considered more controversial than the enigmatic and surreal David Lynch masterpiece, "Blue Velvet."

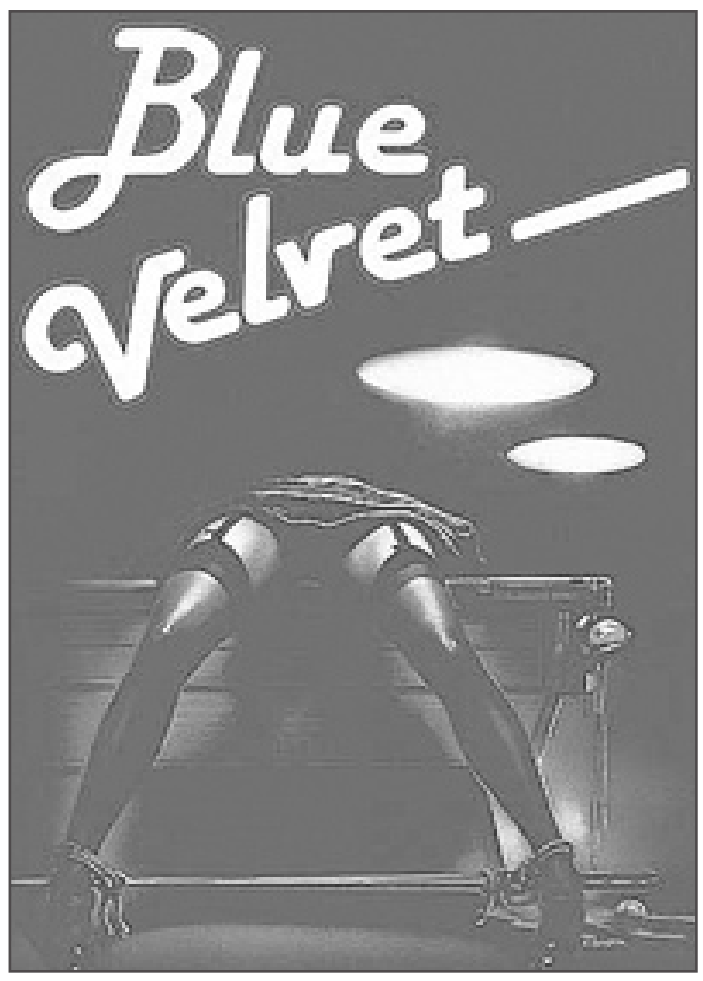
As bloated, big-budget blockbusters such as "Top Gun" and "Aliens" ruled the year of 1986, David Lynch's bizarre reflection on small-town America could be considered a needle in a haystack of money. Just as "Blue Velvet" was sharp and jarring upon its discovery, it was equally impressive to the memory of those who found it.

In numerous ways, Lynch's "Blue Velvet" is one of the most confounding and startling films ever to be released by a major motion picture studio.

As master director David Lynch places the viewer in the humble setting of Lumberton, North Carolina, the journey of the main character Jeffrey Beaumont (Kyle MacLachlan) quickly shies away from the director's nostalgic view of small-town America. As Jeffrey Beaumont's character wanders in the quiet, grassy setting, his reality is stirred by the discovery of a single, severed ear, lying amongst some garbage.

This eerie finding by MacLachlan's character sets the tone for the rest of the movie, as the college student unravels a string of corruption, crime and murder within his hometown.

Beaumont soon discovers that a nightclub singer by the name of Dorothy Vallens, tragically portrayed by Isabella Rosellini, is entrapped in an insidious ransom scheme by the sadistic and relentless kingpin, Frank Booth (Dennis Hopper).



The character of Vallens is essentially dragged into an almost humorously bizarre take on sadomasochistic relationships with Hopper's character, in trade for being allowed to see her son once a week.

MacLachlan's character, who was once content with the humdrum happenings of his hometown, is now compelled to aid Vallens despite the impending threat presented by the drug-addicted and psychotic Booth.

> "*Blue Velvet* was a shining example of artistry in film-making during the 1980s."

In addition to the melancholy Rosselini, the supporting actress Laura Dern (of Jurassic Park fame) portrays the simple and sweet hometown girl of Sandy. MacLachlan's character quickly finds himself torn between the pure, simple love as presented by Dern's Sandy, and the tragic and complex notion of love as presented by Rosselini. All the while, the hatred of Frank Booth threatens all that is important to Jeffrey Beaumont: the simplicity and purity of love and home.

The performances by the actors mentioned are all astounding, especially Hopper's hilariously maniacal and frightening depiction of Frank Booth. At times the viewer will feel personally threatened by the audacity of Hopper's over-the-top performance, and the vulgarity and obscenity that Booth's character represents.

Lynch's artistic approach to the film is just as unrelenting, with aggressive editing and camera trickery that would make the film almost entirely nightmarish if not for the few soothing moments that are given. The quieter, more romantic moments of the film remind the viewer of home's warmth that is so often taken for granted, especially during the competitive and corporate era of the 1980s.

"Blue Velvet" was a shining example of artistry in film-making during the 1980s, and is worthy of being looked back on by all film enthusiasts whether they've seen it or not. In many ways, both David Lynch and Dennis Hopper have yet to top their performances as director and villain respectively. Lynch's neo-noir take on the grassroots of America has gone down in film texts as one of the riskiest but rewarding ventures in motion picture history.

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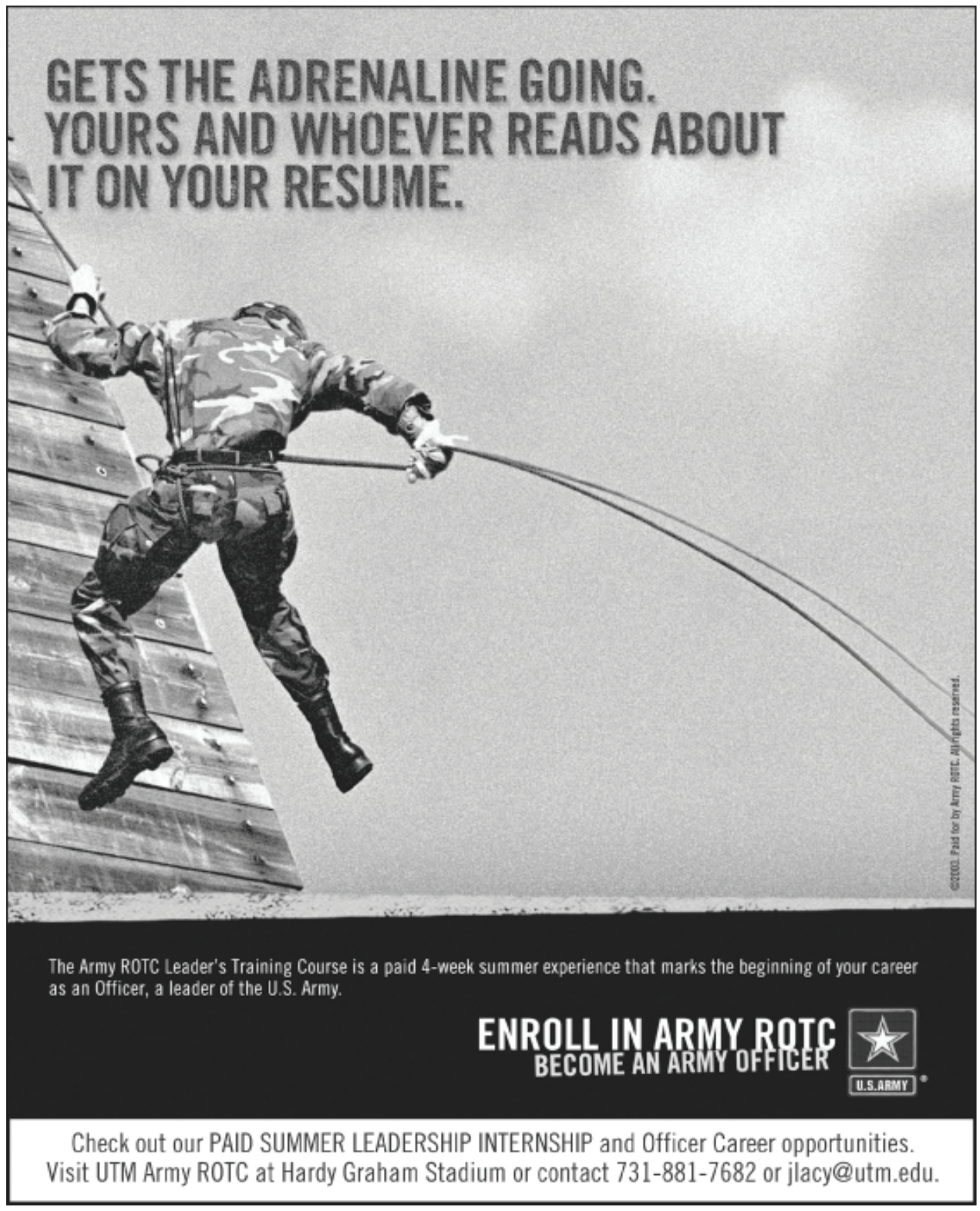


find your green thumb

by Karen Langdon

Just because you live in an apartment, or even a dorm, doesn't mean you can't have a garden. If you have a green thumb (or if you don't) try turning your balcony or windowsill into a mini-garden this spring. Here are some tips for container gardening in small spaces — from growing a vegetable garden on the balcony to keeping herbs by the window, this guide has something for everyone.

1. The Container

• Consider weight.

Most balconies have weight limits, and once your containers are filled with wet soil they can be pretty heavy. Opt for plastic pots, which are lightweight and retain water well, unlike traditional terra cotta containers.

• Choose soil wisely.

Again, wet soil can be heavy. Specially formulated potting soils are lightweight, drain well and have all the nutrients most plants need. Never use regular garden soil for container gardening.

• Check for drainage.

It's important that your containers retain water, but not too much of it. Make sure that your containers have 1-3 holes in the bottom so that water can drain out. It's also a good idea to put a saucer under the pots, or buy pots with built in resevoirs so the water that drains won't end up on the floor or your downstairs neighbors' balcony.

2. The Plant

• Experiment with herbs.

Herbs are fairly easy to grow, both indoors and out. If you opt for keeping your herbs inside, be sure that they get enough sunlight to grow. They don't mind being clumped together, so you can plant an entire herb garden in one pot - perfect for a windowsill.

• Eat your garden.

Vegetable gardening in containers is easy, so long as you choose the right plants. In general, dwarf and bush varieties fare well in pots. A few vegetables that traditionally flourish in containers are lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, swiss chard, mini eggplant, tomatillos, and many kinds of ornamental and sweet peppers.

• Decorate with flowers

There are a wide variety of flowers that do well in containers. Flowers also vary widely as to how much sunlight they require, so be sure not to buy a sun-loving flower when all you can offer an hour of light through a small window, and vice versa.

3. The Garden

• Water often.

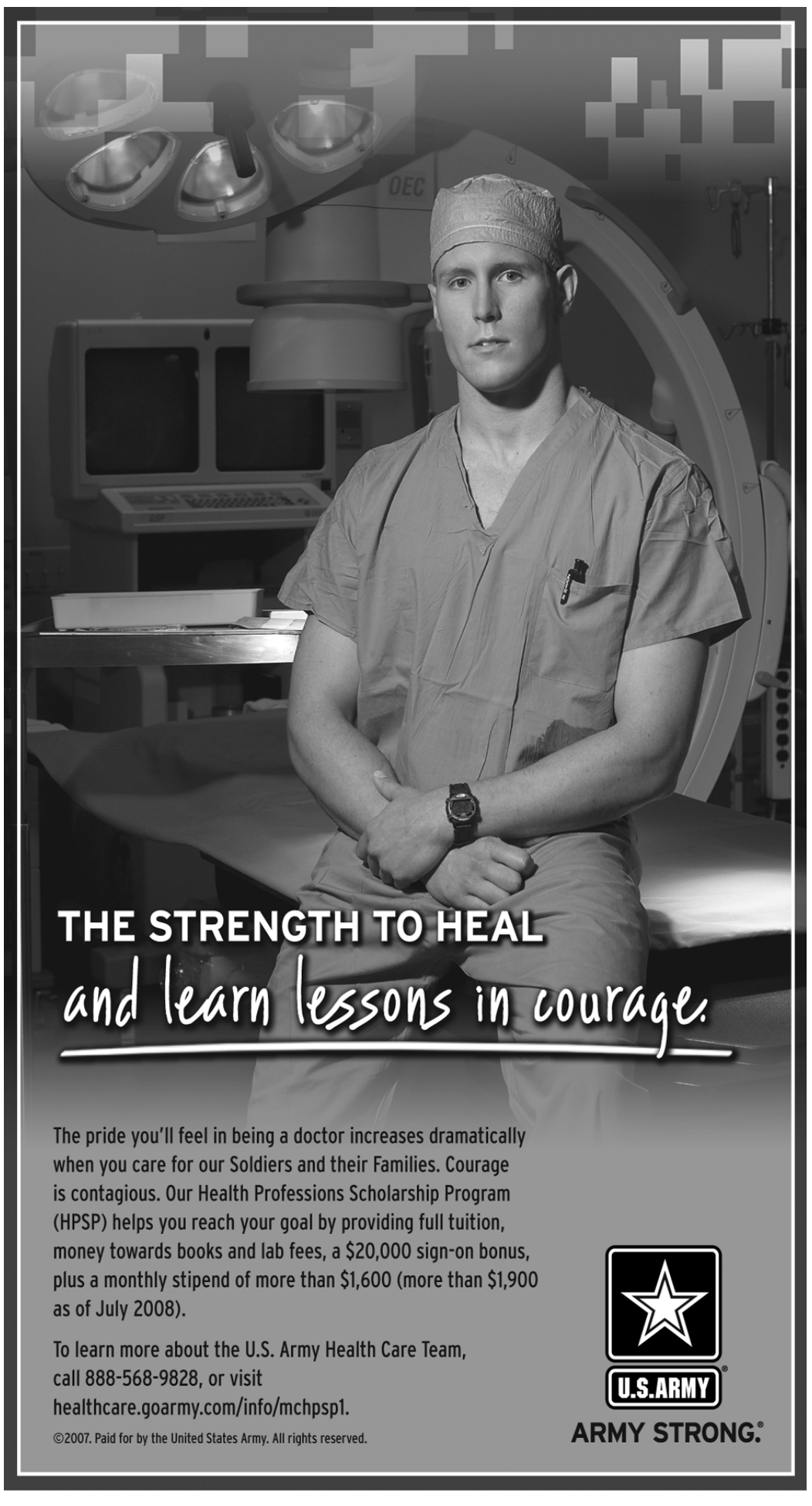
Indoor potted plants need to be watered every day or two. Those outdoors need water every day, sometimes more when it starts to get really hot outside. It's best to water outside plants in the early afternoon so they won't get dried out over the course of the day.

• Supply sunlight.

More often than not, especially if you're growing vegetables, your plants will need about five hours of sunlight per day. If your garden is on the balcony, be sure to scoot the pots toward the outside edge where they will get the most sun. Then they will also get some rain, occasionally eliminating the need to be watered.

• Watch for frost.

Don't start your outdoor garden too early. Somewhere around April 15th is the last chance of frost. It's fine to have plants outside before then, so long as you watch the forecast and bring them inside for chilly nights. And if you plan on growing plants from seed, it's always best to start them inside anyway.



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From the Geek Corner

Firefox 3 beta gaining speed boosts and positive attention

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Technology Columnist

A benchmark in my life as a tech-savvy person is when I finally stopped using Internet Explorer, Microsoft's internet browser, and began using the open source browser, Mozilla Firefox.

Before that time I knew just as much as the average person about computers. However, after making the switch on a recommendation from a friend I really turned a corner and started exploring other options in the world of technology.

My time with Firefox was nice. Of course, for those of you who don't know, it is *The Pacer*'s browser of choice and I used it for quite a while. I enjoyed all of its extra features and special developer's tools, but I really disliked how slow it was.

This criticism is not unheard of actually. Thousands continually complain that Firefox hogs a lot of their computer's RAM and is generally slow. It is due to this fact that I switched once again, this time to Apple's browser Safari.

Safari is fast. Really fast, actually, and it is maybe the fastest browser one can use. Unfortunately, Safari has some drawbacks of its own.

"Of all the changes in Firefox 3.0 it is the speed boost which is most exciting "

What excites me is the promise that lies in Firefox 3. Currently Firefox is at 2.0 but a beta version of Firefox 3.0 is being developed for release in the near future.

Of all the changes that will occur in Firefox 3.0, it is the speed boost which is most exciting. According to reports, the 3.0 version is already faster that its predecessor and gaining speed as developers sink their teeth in the underlying code of Firefox.

Perhaps when Firefox 3 comes out of beta and opens to the public it will be worth switching to from Safari. Hopefully this will be the case. Firefox has some unique features that has given it the steam to challenge Microsoft's Internet Explorer for world wide market share.

Until the final version comes out and thorough speed tests are done, I will have to wait and see. But keep an eye out for the major player in the never ending browser wars: we might just have a winner yet.

Maintain your musical manners: Keeping up with iPod etiquette

Katie Mercuri
Pacer Writer

Etiquette is a lost art in this world of technology.

Talking on cell phones while in an elevator has become a normal practice. Facebook-and not the news is the first thing many people view in the mornings.

The leader of the faux pas, the MP3 player, has taking over classrooms, libraries and elevators all over campus. You can tell when someone is having a bad day if he or she put ear buds in, as if they are wearing a "don't talk to me" sign.

There is nothing like listening to your favorite song when you are feeling down, but listening to a song turned up to "11" in a library may not be the most polite thing to do.

What are the do's and don'ts of using your respective MP3 player-be it the ever-popular iPod, Zune or a cheap one purchased at Wal-Mart? Shockingly, there are times students should unplug.

For example, when growing up, parents always told you to look both ways before crossing the street. That does not change just because you are in college. Just because you are listening to an iPod does not mean you should stare at the ground when traversing the busy road that is University Street.

Real conversations cannot be had while you are listening to an MP3 player. If you see someone coming toward you wanting to talk, be polite and turn it off. Talking while listening is like sneezing in your hand when going to give someone a hug.

Also, the library is not the best place to rock out with the volume cranked. It is astonishing how noisy an iPod is in a quiet study area. Having the volume turned up so loud is ridiculous when the environment is quiet.

Yet, the worse offence of all is sneaking to listen to an MP3 player in class. Almost everyone has seen this happen: taking the headphone and stringing them through the bottom of a shirt, behind your back and over your ears. This is wasting both the professors and the students time.

However, there are some expectable uses for an MP3 player in the classroom. There are many three-hour long art classes where listening to music keeps students sane. Walk/Jog and many other physical activity classes would be an appropriate place to listen to ABBA so loud your ears bleed.

Also, the iTunesU program is gaining popularity with professor on campus according to Steve Holt, the director of the Instructional Technology Center and Web Services.

Holt was contacted by Apple for the free service and he decided to try the program. There are twelve faculty members who use the program on a regular basis. These faculty members use iTunesU for extra study material and homework as well as explain more complicated ideas taught in class.

"The cool thing is that [students] can watch it 24/7 and over and over and over again."

In fact, Holt believes the major reason faculty start using technology is that the students demand it. The students are asking, "Why don't you do this." Holt recommends if student want more technology in the classroom, they need to ask for it.

Go forth and listen, dance if you must.

Enjoy your MP3 players.

Think about your surrounding and use common sense.

Apply the Golden Rule to your music enjoyment.

Above all else, if you are in the library trying to study, ask yourself would you want to hear someone listening Hoobastank…NO.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl brings a new era of button-mashing

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

In decades past, rarely has there been a game franchise with a more loyal following than Nintendo's Smash Bros. collection. As it came out just in time for Spring Break, the latest edition of the series has created a new epoch of addiction to be enjoyed by all on the Wii.

Super Smash Bros. Brawl, the long-awaited and salivated over sequel to the Gamecube classic Smash Bros. Melee, has finally been released to the cheers and praises of many a nerd.

Introducing several new playable characters from Nintendo history, Brawl in many ways is the most accessible game of the Smash Bros. series. With a slower style of gameplay and more items which can be used during the head-to-head matches, one almost wonders if the game was made too easy in comparison to its predecessors.

Of the new playable characters are Pit of Kid Icarus fame, Sonic the Hedgehog, and Metal Gear's patriarch, Solid Snake.

In addition to the classic button-mashing group fun in Smash Bros. Brawl, there's also the new "Subspace Emissary," an extremely long story mode that takes you through every character in the game. If you don't enjoy brawling with your friends then you'll still get your money's worth with the story mode, which can easily take days to complete.

Nicest of all, if your Wii is connected to the Web you can compete with online players from all over the globe, bringing a whole new level of competition for thirsty Brawl fans.

And of course, the classic brawl mode retains its place in gamer lore as one of the most fun multi-player experiences gaming has to offer in the 21st century.

One of the most startling aspects of Brawl is the relatively short learning curve. Within an hour of picking up the game, a newbie can find themselves mashing with the best once they've learned the basic maneuvers offered by the relatively simple controls.

Aside from this, the tier system has been leveled out, putting the game on a much more balanced scale. For instance, the once impossible to defeat Marth is now a little less powerful, with characters such as Mario and Toon Link getting bumped up in the tiers.

Overall, with every character you have a reasonable chance of winning against the best, as long as you have time for a little bit of practice.

Still, the best thing about Brawl is just like before, you don't have to be a master to have fun.

Whether you're a die-hard fan or a Wii owner looking for something new to play, your day has finally come; Smash Bros. Brawl will be considered one of the best games to come out this year.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

www.plaxo.com

Monica Collins
Pacer Writer

Plaxo.com currently provides online address books to more than 40 million people. The executives at Plaxo.com have implemented new ways to make the old address book a more effective way to network with friends, family, and business contacts.

While certain aspects of the site may seem familiar, the goals associated with Plaxo.com make it different from other social networking sites. It includes a profile page which contains personal and contact information, a picture, status, and navigation menu to guide you through the user's application.

However, Plaxo offers the option for viewing a professional or personal profile to suit your purpose, and allows the user to control who sees what elements of his or her profile.

Plaxo has recently added the "Pulse" element to its address book. This feature, similar to the newsfeed on Facebook, allows you to see when your contacts upload photos and videos, update information, rate restaurants and businesses, and share websites and other information.

Plaxo allows users to share media and information with contacts. The user can share photos, videos, reviews and much more. There is a feature on the profile called "Websites I use" where the user can add hook ups and share content from websites they commonly use.

The address book, the original tool from Plaxo, is an effective way to organize your contact information and sync this information to other devices you use. With each contact entry the user can get directions and a map to the address listed, send cards or messages, send numbers to a mobile phone, or make a digital call to the contact.

One last feature of Plaxo is the calendar which also displays events, weather, and birthday countdowns. It can sync with other devices such as your Windows Mobile, Yahoo!, Gmail, Outlook Express, and Mac OS X to ensure that you are aware of what's going on no matter where you are.

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Quadruple-double to top scorer: Hudson makes most of D-I shot

Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

Ever heard of a quadruple-double?

Tennessee-Martin's Lester Hudson hadn't, and he'd been playing basketball most of his life. Neither have researchers at the NCAA and ESPN, who combed record books without finding anyone in the Division I level ever racking up double-digits in four different statistical categories in the same game.

Not until Hudson.

The 6-foot-3 guard accomplished the incredibly rare feat in just his third Division I game. He's also the nation's fourth-leading scorer with 25.4 points per game and is why his Skyhawks, a former NAIA program, enjoyed their best season since joining the Ohio Valley Conference in 1992 and hoped for an NCAA tournament berth.

The Skyhawks finished the regular season with a 16-15 overall record and an 11-9 mark in OVC play. They were picked to finish last in the OVC in a preseason poll but finished fourth and received a first-round home game in the OVC tournament as a result.

This game turned out to be one of the most thrilling games at any level of basketball this season. They defeated Samford 101-94 in triple overtime to advance to the OVC semifinals for the first time in school history.

OVC freshman of the year Marquis Weddle led the way for the Skyhawks against Samford. The future star scored a season-high 39 points and hit nine 3-pointers in the contest.

However, the Skyhawks' wings were clipped by top-seeded Austin Peay in the next game despite 31 points from Hudson and 20 points from Weddle. The Skyhawks fell 78-77 on a free throw with two seconds left. Austin Peay advanced and won the championship game to earn a No. 15 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Earlier this month Hudson became Tennessee-Martin's first player to be named OVC player of the year.

Not bad for a kid who played one year in high school, got his diploma while at junior college and had to sit out a year for the chance to play what could be his first and only year in Division I.

"It's really a testament to the kid," Skyhawks assistant coach Jason James said of Hudson. "He had every chance to just chuck it in, give up and quit school and just hang out on the streets. He wanted more for himself. He wanted more for his life. Lester made a decision he's going to prove everybody wrong."

Hudson always loved basketball.

School was something else. He felt more comfortable in the gym than in the classroom, and Hudson credits coach Andre Applewhite at Central High School in Memphis with not letting him give up on either of them.

"I thank him every time I get a chance," Hudson said. "I give everything to him. He never let me go a different direction."

Tennessee-Martin guard Lester Hudson practices Thursday, March 6, for the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. Hudson is the nation's fourth-leading scorer with 25.4 points per game and is the only player from the Division I level to accomplish a quadruple-double, racking up double-digits in four different statistical categories in the same game. He accomplished his feat with 25 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals against Central Baptist on Nov. 13, 2007. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

Applewhite convinced Hudson to go to class enough to play one season at Central. Unfortunately, Hudson, who failed ninth grade, couldn't play his senior year because he was 19 by then and ineligible.

"It was very frustrating. My mom and dad were crying, I was crying because I thought I was going to be going in a good direction and leave the past behind me. It was very hard for me. And I really (thought) after that, I was going back to where I was at first, not going to class, skipping school. I was losing the feel for basketball, the love for basketball," Hudson said.

Applewhite took Hudson over to Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis and asked the coach to take a look at him. After one open session in the gym, Hudson was in.

He earned his general education diploma and averaged 18 points as a sophomore when he led the team to the JUCO National tournament. That attracted attention, but academic problems with a 2.5 grade point average and no diploma from Southwest Tennessee left him with three options.

He could play immediately in Division II or NAIA. Or he could play Division I but sit out a year, paying his own way and working on his grades. Hudson decided he wanted to be an example by becoming the first person on his mother's side of the family to earn a college degree.

So James, who first met Hudson in high school through Applewhite, convinced Hudson his best choice was that going to Tennessee-Martin, a school in rural West Tennessee best known as Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt's alma mater.

He was on his own that first year, spending three hours a day by himself working on his shot with little choice but to improve his grades and work hard on his major in university studies. Skyhawks coach Bret Campbell believes Hudson matured not only as a person but as a student.

"He could have been discouraged and ended up dropping out, going to play NAIA ball or Division II somewhere. He did have a goal to play Division I basketball. He thought he belonged, and he wanted to show people he could do that," Campbell said.

Hudson started with 35 points in the season opener in Memphis with family and friends cheering. He scored 27 against Mississippi State and 36 against Vanderbilt, among 11 games with 30 or more points. He was at his best against Central Baptist scoring 25 points, grabbing 12 rebounds, dishing out 10 assists and getting his 10th and final steal in the final minutes.

"It was nice for me and my teammates and Tennessee-Martin," Hudson said.

If someone else has had a quadruple-double in Division I men's basketball, nobody has found it yet. Ann Meyers had a quad-double in 1978 while at UCLA, and four such games have been documented in women's Division III.

The NBA has counted that feat four times since the 1973-74 season — when the league started recognizing blocks and steals — and that list includes David Robinson, Hakeem Olajuwon, Alvin Robertson and Nate Thurmond. It also happened once in the ABA and ABL.

In addition to being the nation's fourth-leading scorer, ahead of well-known stars such as North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough, Indiana's Eric Gordon, USC's O.J. Mayo and Vanderbilt's Shan Foster, Hudson also ranks fourth in steals and ninth in 3-pointers made per game.

Now Hudson, who turns 24 in August, will have to decide if the pros are next. He's the kind of player who makes those around him better and is unselfish despite his scoring touch. He knows whatever stock he might have will go down the older he gets.

"If it's coming back or going this year, I don't know yet. My coach, my family and I are going to sit down and talk about it," he said.

Pacer Sports Writer John Summers also contributed to this article.

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